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RADIO BATTERIES SHOT IN YAROSLAVL' OBLAST -- Moscow, Pravda, 25 Dec 50

Over the past 3 years, thousands of battery sets have been delivered to rural villages in Yaroslavl' Oblast. A radio battery, however, is only good for about 3 months. The supply of fresh batteries has been consistently inadequate, with the result that many sets are out of commission much of the time. During the third quarter of 1950, for instance, the oblast trade outlets received less than 50 percent of the batteries due them. Repeated letters to the Tsentrsoyuz have been greeted with silence.

TO DEVELOP TRANSFORMER FOR ELECTRIC PLOWS -- Yerevan, Kommunist, 1 Jan 51

One of the 1951 production targets at the Yerevan Electrical-Machine Building Plant is the development and manufacture of mobile transformer substations for use with electric plows. The electric plow is finding even wider use.

PROJECTOR PLANT NEGLECTS MECHANICAL METHODS -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 8 Dec 50

Because of the lack of proper attachments, some plants have recourse to antiquated methods of machining, when perfected techniques could be used. For example, in the machine shop of the Moscow Projector Plant they do a great deal of threading by hand, even though it could be done better and faster on the machine tools which they have. In the plastics shop of the same plant, they have replaced a mechanical method of switching on the presses by a manual method. This has sharply cut down their productivity. It is apparent that the economic managers of this enterprise are indifferent to increasing the productivity of equipment, and the party organizations do not point out to them their error.

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